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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] By contrast with the depiction in Fig. 3, the exemplary embodiment according to the invention in Fig. 4 encloses an obtuse angle with the complementary angle of  $[\alpha] \leq 45^\circ$  so that in this case, field peaks in the piezoelectric actuator 1 are prevented in the regions of inner electrodes 3 and 4 that protrude beyond the piezoelectric layers 2, but on opposite sides.